



W.P.Crl.(MD)No.1686 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 26.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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Maria Viagammal Ruby

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,  
O/o. Superintendent of Police,  
Tirunelveli District.

2. The Tahsildar,  
Taluk Office,  
Cheramahadevi Taluk,  
Tirunelveli District.

3. The State of Tamil Nadu,  
Rep By, the Inspector of Police,  
Mukkudal Police Station,  
Tirunelveli District.

4. The Dean,  
Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital,  
Tirunelveli.

... Respondents

(R4 is suo motu impleaded vide order of this Court dated 26.03.2026.)

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to proceed with the investigation in Crime No. 125 of 2026 by exhuming the interred body



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of the petitioner's mother under the supervision of the Executive Magistrate as per the procedure envisaged in the section 196 of BNSS considering the suspicious nature of the death, within a time frame as stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kumar  
For Respondents : Mr.S.Ravi (R1 & R3)  
Additional Public Prosecutor  
Mr.M.Muthumanikkam (R2)  
Government Advocate (Civil)  
Mr.C.Satheesh (R4)  
Government Advocate (Civil)

### **ORDER**

This petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the respondents herein to proceed with the investigation in Crime No. 125 of 2026 by exhuming the interred body of the petitioner's mother under the supervision of the Executive Magistrate as per the procedure envisaged under Section 196 of BNSS, 2023, considering the suspicious nature of the death, within a time frame as stipulated by this Court.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate, Mr. M. Muthumanikkam, submitted that necessary steps have



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already been taken by the second respondent in this regard, and the date for exhumation of the petitioner's mother's interred body has been fixed as 27.03.2026.

3. At this juncture, it is necessary to implead the Dean, Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, Tirunelveli, and accordingly, the Dean, Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, Tirunelveli, is suo motu impleaded as the fourth respondent, for whom, Mr.C.Satheesh, learned Government Advocate takes notice. Registry is directed to carry out necessary amendment in this regard.

4. The fourth respondent is directed to appoint a competent Medical Officer to conduct the post-mortem on the exhumed body of the petitioner's mother. With this direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

**26.03.2026**

NCC : Yes / No

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Tirunelveli.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
Madurai.

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